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KAISER ORDERS MEN TO MAKE NO PRISONERS

Hun Emperor Tells Soldiers to Take No Britons Alive, if Possible.

KEEPS ENEMY JUMPY

Lull on Western Front Worries Germans Over What's Coming.

By R. T. Small, staff correspondent of the Associated Press.

With the British Armies in France, via London, May 31.—While comparative quiet continues to reign along most of the western front, the war is far from standing still. That great machine behind the fighting forces continues to move with never-resting energy.

Artillery duels break out by day and night along the various sectors of the long battle line, and there passes now unnoticed an expenditure of shells which, two years ago, would have been regarded as little short of marvelous.

But the game of modern warfare is ever a progressive one, and the miracle of today becomes the commonplace of tomorrow.

The infantry activity lately has been confined wholly to raids and minor local attacks. These are conducted mainly for the purpose of keeping in touch with the enemy's movements and intentions. Both the British and Germans have adopted these tactics, and the few hours of darkness lately are filled with trench marauding expeditions.

Foe Nervous.
The Germans appear daily to grow more nervous and worried by the present lull. They are watching the British with cat-like alertness. The slightest alarm during the night sets their guns going, and many defensive barrage curtains have been projected in front of the British positions.

Some of their aeroplanes also are taking desperate chances in flying low over the line, endeavoring to keep in touch with any important movement.

The German Government continues to fill the air with wireless propaganda against the British, virtually ignoring all the other allies, including the United States. The trench version in the Arras district of Emperor Kiser's recent speech was to the effect that no British prisoners should be taken; that the Germans should hate all the English and if they could not avoid taking some prisoners, they were to treat them with the greatest severity. Emperor William was at Douai and at Tournai May 25, and made speeches at both places.

PARIS TEMPS FEARS
"DIPLOMATIC SEDAN"

Decision of French Socialists to Attend Conference Full of Danger.

Paris, May 31.—The decision of the national council of the French Socialist party to send delegates to the coming Socialist conference at Stockholm is strongly condemned by the Temps, which declares in an article today:

"The route to Stockholm is the route to a diplomatic Franco-German alliance. It is not because the Stockholm procedure is irregular or is called revolutionary that we reject it. In war time it is a question of saving French lives and liberating French territory; people should not be too fraternal. They should recognize in this move an old and dangerous course. They will be subjected at every step to brutal repressions."

Hypnotized by a mirage of the past and turning back from the veritable way of emancipation, they embarked on this sinister undertaking. France cannot permit and should disavow."

RUSS OIL REGION IDLE.
Tiflis, via London, May 31.—A Baku dispatch reports alarming conditions in the oil districts. The workmen of the oil fields, having gone on strike and the arbitration councils have failed to reach a settlement with them.

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RUSSIA TO GET FULL LIGHT ON BRITISH NEWS

Government Permits Representatives of Small Factions to Go to Petrograd.

REVEAL HUN TRICKS

Roberts, MacDonald and Jowett Should Have Influence on Russian Masses.

London, May 31.—In connection with the approaching visit of George H. Roberts, lord commissioner of the treasury, James Ramsay MacDonald, chairman of the Labor party, and Frederick W. Jowett, president of the Independent Labor party, to Russia, the following authorized statement has been published:

"Sincerely desirous of meeting the views of the Russian Government so that they should be able to learn at first hand the opinions of all sections of British thought, the government is facilitating the journey to Russia of the representatives of different political opinions. Among these are factions with a very small following, who latterly have not been over enthusiastic in the vigorous prosecution of the war.

Nothing to Hide.
The British Government has nothing to hide. It entered the war in defence of the principles of democracy, freedom and justice—a brutal war was forced upon the allies who were in a state of total unpreparedness. Heavy fighting continued to advance their views. These delegates, including Messrs. Roberts, MacDonald and Jowett, will only further inform the Russian people how we were driven into the devastating war, and will throw additional light on Germany's maneuvers at this juncture to distort the predatory objects she had in forcing war on peaceful neighbors."

A London newspaper on May 19 said the Independent Labor party, which is the pacifist Socialist section of the Laborites, had appointed Messrs. MacDonald and Jowett, both Labor members of parliament, to go on a mission to Petrograd. The newspaper added that there was some doubt as to whether they would be able to obtain passports. Mr. Roberts also is a member of parliament, being the whip for the Labor party.

ITALIAN POET INSPIRES COMRADES TO VICTORY

Austrian Force is Annihilated in Attempting to Recapture San Giovanni—Gabriele D'Annunzio Animates Soldiers.

Udine, Italy, via Paris, May 31.—The Austrians in attempting to recapture San Giovanni on the southern portion of the Carso Plateau, came into a terrible hand-to-hand fight with the Italians, which ended in the annihilation of the enemy. Among the Italians was Gabriele D'Annunzio, the poet, whose word and example animated the soldiers in his heroic struggle.

Italian troops in Albania have occupied the villages of Ceroveca, Velest, Osojic and Cafa, the war office at Rome announced today.

Bad weather interfered with operations on the Trendino and Carnia fronts in the area above Trieste there were no changes of importance. The statement follows:

"On the Trendino and Carnia fronts heavy rain and thick fog yesterday limited the activity of artillery, but favored the Italian offensive. The Tonale Ridge last night the enemy made a surprise attack on two advanced posts on Punta di Albiolo, but was discovered and driven back. The enemy also made two attacks on our lines on the northern side of Monte Pizzul and in the Rocolan Valley, but failed completely.

In the Julian front our artillery replied effectively to the enemy's fire, and assaulting parties hindered the enemy in his efforts to strengthen himself in his new positions. In the Vozica area our artillery dispersed enemy troops which were massing for attack.

In Albania on Monday night our Albanian troops attacked enemy irregulars on the upper reaches of the Osum River, 26 kilometres east of Berat. Heavy fighting continued throughout Monday and the following night. We occupied the villages of Ceroveca, Velest, Osojic and Cafa, and successfully resisted regular troops sent to dislodge us."

TWO-BILLION-DOLLAR LOAN IS COMPARATIVELY SMALL

Means Twenty Dollars Each, While Britain Pays Twenty-Two Times That.

New York, May 31.—Compared with the war loans of other belligerent nations, the two billion dollar loan authorized by the Liberty loan is "a relatively small contribution," according to a statement by James S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce, made publicly here today by the Liberty loan publicity committee.

"That this is true is made strikingly obvious," the statement says, "by the fact that the Liberty loan is compared with the \$200,000,000 national wealth of the United States and \$38,000,000,000 annual aggregate income of the people as a background.

"Two billion dollars in the United States means only \$20 from each person. The per capita income of each person in this country averages \$750, the per capita wealth \$2500. Great Britain has already made borrowings for the war at the rate of \$144 per person. The cost of the war to France thus far has been \$521 per person, Russia \$47 per person. Germany has made borrowings at the rate of \$100 per person. Hungary at the rate of \$96 per person.

BRITISH HAVE NOTHING OF SPECIAL INTEREST
Artillery Activity Keeps Up at Different Points Along Front.

London, May 31.—"Beyond mutual artillery activity at different points along our fronts, nothing of special interest occurred during the day," says the official war office statement issued tonight.

"Two German aeroplanes were driven down out of control yesterday. One of our machines is missing," the statement adds.

HYDRO BUYS POWER COMPANY

THE PRICE BEING \$22,669,000

Sir Adam Beck Announces Purchase and States Deal Will Effectually Remove Threatened Opposition to Chippawa Creek Development of People's Power.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario has bought the plant and equipment of the Ontario Power Company of Niagara Falls, Ontario, for the sum of \$22,669,000, according to an announcement made yesterday by Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the commission. The Chippawa-Queens-County Electric project, which was threatened in its development by the claim of the Ontario Power Company that under its charter it had the right to use unlimited water power from the Welland Canal and Niagara River, is assured of success and, further, an end is made of the controversy which had arisen over these rights and threatened to seriously handicap power development in the Niagara district.

The company agrees to deliver all its Canadian property, along with all its physical assets and contracts for the delivery of power. In return for which the commission agrees to purchase the company's own debentures with bonds for 40 years at 4 per cent. to the extent of \$5,000,000 for the \$10,000,000 worth of stock now held by the company and to assume the bond liability of \$14,669,000 secured by a first mortgage on the property. The company is to receive the current assets and to assume the current liabilities, and the transfer of the property will be made August 1.

Two Years' Negotiations.
Negotiations for the taking over of this property by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario have been in operation for the past two years, and the deal was finally closed two weeks ago. From time to time the boards of the company and the commission, examined by an accountant in the employ of the commission and it has been found that the sale price of the property, including the value of the company's property is \$26,800,634.

The commission in considering the purchase price estimated the returns from the sale of power to be \$2,386,277.91 annually, and the net earnings of the company after paying all operating expenses and the interest on the sinking fund, amounted to \$754,236.28 for the year 1915. The book value of the company's property is \$26,800,634.

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FRENCH REGAIN LOST IN CHAMPAGNE

Quite Spirited Artillery Actions Continue Along Chemin-des-Dames.

Paris, May 31.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Quite spirited artillery actions occurred in the regions of Vauxaillon, Laffaux, and northwest of Rheims. In the region of Hill 108, south of Berry-au-Bac, the enemy, after having exploded several mines, occupied some trench elements which had been shattered by explosions.

"In Champagne a vigorous counter-attack drove back the enemy from points where he had gained a footing the previous night northeast of Mont Haut, our line being completely re-established.

"Yesterday five German aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots. According to late information other enemy machines previously reported as having been damaged were in reality destroyed.

"Belgian communication: Bomb and grenade fighting was particularly lively in the neighborhood of Steenstraete and the Ferryman's house. Before Dismude there was an intense artillery duel. The usual cannonading took place on the rest of the front."

"Eastern theatre, May 30: Artillery activity was displayed along the whole front. Our aviators bombed Austrian encampments north of the Devol River in eastern Albania."

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE EVERYTHING

London Labor Council Seeks Parliamentary Seats for Workingmen.

London, Ont. May 31.—At a meeting held here tonight by the London Trades and Labor Council the following resolutions were passed:

"That the government take over all the natural resources of the country, means of transportation and communication, all the munition plants, food storages and warehouses, and that the government does not put into force any form of conscription of man power until such time as the people shall, thru the ballot, declare for such conscription."

A second resolution, asking that labor be represented in any coalition to be formed, was passed in the following terms:

"We are of the opinion that the workingmen are fighting the war, but are having no say in ruling the country and therefore this council asks Premier Borden to allow the labor bodies, in constituencies where vacancies at present, to send men to fill them in the Dominion house in the event of his forming a coalition government."

CANDIDATES IN ALBERTA LINED UP FOR FIGHT

Edmonton, Alta., May 31.—Formal nominations for forty-three of the total of fifty-eight constituencies to be represented in the provincial legislature, were made through Alberta today. Up to the present time headquarters of neither party here has received word of any acclamations. Of the fifteen other seats, there are seven members returned by agreement of the legislature by reason of their absence on overseas service. Two representatives will be nominated and elected by the voters, and deferred elections are arranged for Athabasca and Peace River.

L. C. FRITCH GOES TO SEABOARD LINE

Leaves Canadian Northern After Four Years' Service as Manager

SUCCESSFUL CAREER

Supervised Many Large Developments in C.N.R. and Other Systems.

L. C. Fritch, general manager of the Canadian Northern Railway System since 1913, has been offered and has accepted the position of general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Norfolk, West Virginia. This was announced by the directors of the Canadian Northern last night. The appointment of a successor has not yet been considered.

Many large developments in the C. N. R. service were carried out under the management of Mr. Fritch, his principal achievement being the joining of the mountain section in British Columbia, which added approximately 1,000 miles to the system.

The appointment of Mr. Fritch as general manager of the seaboard air line is probably the manner by which the directors thought fit to acknowledge their indebtedness to him, for he was mainly responsible for the success of the railroad. Before coming to Canada he reconstructed and systematized the seaboard line, creating the foundation of what has since developed into one of the most successful railroad enterprises in the southern States.

Born in Illinois.
Mr. Fritch, who was born in the State of Illinois and is 48 years of age, entered the Canadian Northern in 1913 as general manager, coming from Chicago, where he was assistant to the president of the Illinois Central. He was first brought to the notice of Sir William Mackenzie two months before taking up his duties in Toronto, when he was engaged by the C. N. R. to testify as an expert in an important case in which the company was interested. The case was tried at Winnipeg and he disclosed such a knowledge of railroad organization that Sir William Mackenzie, who heard him testify, immediately entered into negotiations with him and succeeded in inducing him to take over the management of his company.

Began in Baltimore.
His railway work began on the Baltimore and Ohio lines where he remained for 15 years, 15 of which were spent as engineer and one as superintendent. Moving to Chicago he was appointed assistant general manager of the Illinois Central and two years later accepted the position of assistant to the president. While in Chicago he was responsible for the building of the greatest freight station in the United States.

He remains in Toronto until June 15, when he will sever his connection with the Canadian Northern.

"We certainly are very sorry to lose him," said D. B. Hanna, vice-president of the company, last night. "He was a capable official and was very satisfactory, but he is bettering his position in going to the Seaboard Line."

THREE FACE TREASON CHARGE AT COLUMBUS

Men Are Arrested in Connection With Anti-Registration Plotting.

Columbus, O., May 31.—Charges of treason, a capital offense, were filed by United States District Attorney Edwin tonight against three men, with several others, who were arrested during the day, in connection with the anti-registration plotting in Columbus.

Each pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner Johnson and were held under \$25,000 bond to await preliminary hearing Saturday morning. A federal grand jury will be assembled Tuesday to investigate the arrests.

Topke, Kaa, May 31.—Prof. Geo. W. Kiehlge, Socialist candidate for governor of Kansas in 1914, was arrested in Lawrence tonight on a warrant charging him with conspiracy in connection with agitation against the selective draft law. Mr. Kiehlge is being brought to Topeka.

WORKMEN'S DELEGATES CLASH WITH ADMIRAL

Run Foul of Commander of Russian Black Sea Fleet.

London, May 31.—According to a Reuters despatch from Petrograd dated today, the Bourne Gazette reports a grave clash between Admiral Kolchak, commander of the Black Sea fleet, one of Russia's finest naval officers, and the group of workmen's and soldiers' delegates at Sebastopol. The latter demanded the dismissal of the commander of the port, who was carrying out the admiral's orders. To this Admiral Kolchak refused to comply. Whereupon the workmen's and soldiers' delegates arrested the commander and resisted the admiral's demand for his release. Admiral Kolchak then threatened to resign and the government sent M. Tsereteli, minister of posts and telegraphs, to Sebastopol to investigate the matter.

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